

Lillian Stewart

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BALKIS, 'SILVER ORB' AM/AOS
X CARISONA

The world's most honored Cymbidium cross . . . In 1958 this now famous 'Stewart Bred' cross won more top awards in America than any other Cymbidium — 8 Awards of Merit, one First Class Certificate, 4 Bronze Medals, 6 Highly Commended Certificates, and many other awards were but the prelude to the new show of breathtaking Cymbidium beauty that is unfolding to orchid growers throughout the world.

And now in the same pattern of magnificence we offer a new strain of Lillian Stewart. We present our

Lillian Stewart #1506

The parents of #1506 Lillian Stewart are the spectacularly free flowering large, dark red Carisona, 'Abundance' crossed by the world's most sought after tetraploid Cymbidium parent, BALKIS, 'SILVER ORB' AM/AOS. In the Stewart tradition of giving complete information about a cross, we would like to tell you about the parents used here, as well as the characteristics of the cross itself, which we have observed.

CARISONA, 'ABUNDANCE,' the parent which carried the seed pod, is a diploid. We used it with BALKIS, 'SILVER ORB' because it is a large dark red that carries up to 25 flowers to the spray. Genetically the potential of Carisona, 'Abundance' is 30 flowers or more. Of equal value in breeding is its consistent ability to flower regularly and heavily. Our plant of Carisona, 'Abundance' quite regularly throws 2 spikes to a single lead bulb. Imagine seeing this fine red in bloom with 50, 75 or a hundred dark red blooms out at one time! The reason we are enthusiastic about this parent, though, is that it passes these qualities to its progeny. Although a year younger than #1480 Lillian Stewart, #1506 is already placing a bid to be one of the most prolific free flowering top quality Cymbidium crosses in cultivation.

BALKIS, 'SILVER ORB' AM/AOS is recognized by Cymbidium experts throughout the world to be the leading new parent. It is with BALKIS, 'SILVER ORB' that we at Stewarts have been able to achieve standards of excellence in Cymbidiums surpassing in general high quality all other accepted lines of breeding.

The quality of the new BALKIS 'SILVER ORB' hybrids is so high that most Cymbidium growers have to actually see a group of BALKIS, 'SILVER ORB' hybrids in bloom before they will believe such quality can be bred.

This spring we flowered the first plants of our #1506 Lillian Stewart. The flowers on the average, were very

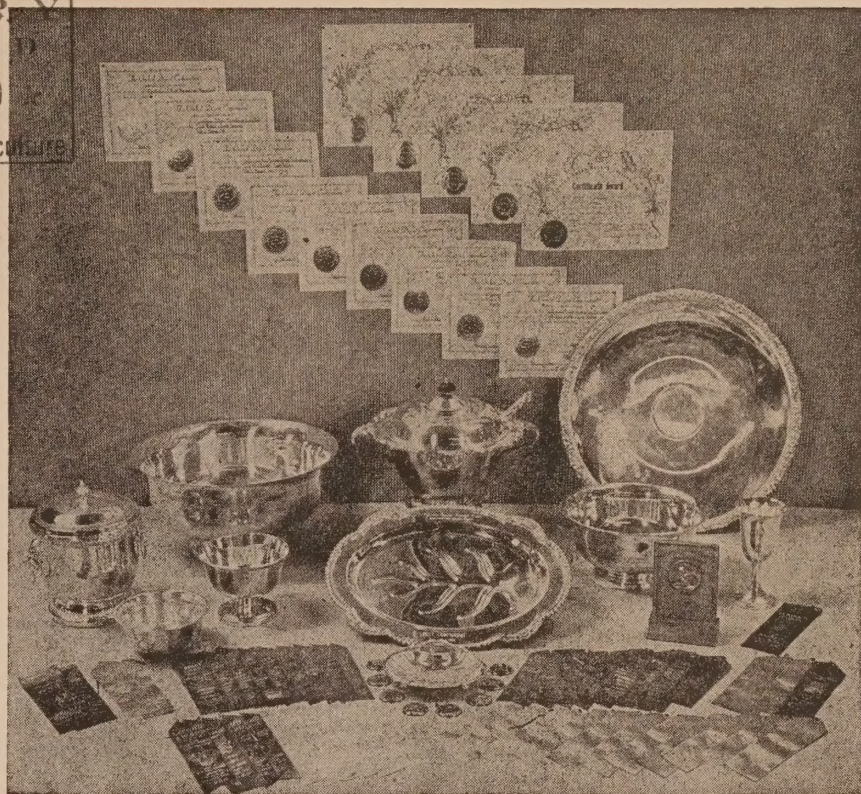


Illustration shows a few of the awards granted our Cymbidiums at the Spring 1958 shows

large, many 4" or larger, on first bloom seedlings. As we expected, the colors were mostly pinks with up to 12 and 15 flowers to the spray on first bloom.

The expectancy for this cross? We are confident that the colors will be almost entirely in pinks from very light through to an occasionally dark red. We have already flowered several reds! There will be a few whites, too. Size of flower, vigor, and productivity are all qualities you can expect and will get in this cross.

We are raising a substantial number of #1506, Lillian Stewart, because we know it is the kind of cross you want for pleasure or profit.

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